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1. WE HAVE READ REF WITH INTEREST.
2. AS YOU KNOW, THE QUESTION OF IMPROVED DEFENSES FOR U-2'S IN TACKLE PROGRAM IS A MATTER WHICH CANNOT BE DECIDED UNILATERALLY BY CIA. USE OF ADVANCED DEFENSIVE EQUIPMENT OVER COMMIE TERRITORY WOULD AT ONCE SIGNAL ENEMY OF U.S. DEVELOPMENT OF SUCH EQUIPMENT AND WOULD ENABLE COMMIES TO BEGIN DEVELOPMENT OF SUTIABLE COUNTERMEASURES. THIS WOULD SERIOUSLY DEGRADE EFFECTIVENESS OF US STRATEGIC FORCES WORLDWIDE IN THE CONDUCT OF COMBAT OPERATIONS IF AND AS THEY ARE REQUIRED. FOR THIS REASON, INTRODUCTION OF EQUIPMENT OF THIS KIND TO TACKLE PROGRAM RAISES QUESTION OF FUNDAMENTAL AND SERIOUS CONCERN

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TO US MILITARY AUTHORITIES.

## 3. NEVERTHELESS RECENT EVENTS,

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AS EXPRESSED IN REF,

HAVE LED US TO TAKE STEPS TO HAVE THIS MATTER CONSIDERED AT APPROPRIATE LEVELS IN US GOVERNMENT. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS A DECISION WILL BE MADE BUT WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION NOW TO PRE-JUDGE THE NATURE OF THAT DECISION.

4.

SHOULD KNOW OF THESE IMPLICATIONS.

ALSO BELIEVE YOU SHOULD INFORM THEM BOTH THAT NO RECONNAISSANCE VEHICLE AVAILABLE TO THE US EMPLOYS ANY OF THE IMPROVED DEFENSIVE EQUIPMENT TO WHICH THEY REFER AND THE REASONS FOR THIS ARE THE SAME AS NOTED ABOVE. THE U-2'S ASSIGNED TO THE TACKLE PROGRAM HAVE THE BEST EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE TO ANY US RECONNAISSANCE VEHICLE AND THIS INCLUDES THE U-2'S THAT ARE FLOWN OVER CUBA, WITH

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ALL THE DANGERS IMPLICIT IN 24 OPERATIONAL SA-2 SITES.

## 5. IN THE MEANTIME AND WHILE WE ARE AWAITING THE FINAL

25X1 DECISION, BELIEVE YOU SHOULD INFORM [REDACTED] OF THE  
 ABOVE AND ASSURE THEM THAT WE HAVE TAKEN SERIOUS NOTE OF THEIR  
 CONCERN AND THAT THIS MATTER WILL RECEIVE EVERY CONSIDERATION.

## 6. BECAUSE OF OUR CONCERN OVER SOUTH CHINA, WE ARE

ANXIOUS TO RESUME PRUDENT USE OF THE TACKLE ASSETS AS WEATHER

25X1 PERMITS. IN MAKING THE POINT [REDACTED] THAT WE INTEND  
 TO RESUME THE PROGRAM, YOU SHOULD INDICATE THAT WE WILL OF 25X1  
 COURSE ATTEMPT TO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS LISTED [REDACTED]  
 IN PARA 3 OF REF.

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